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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Tiles

You were inquiring as to whether or not we had obtained a copy of the letter the Dalai Lama is reported to have sent to President-elect Kennedy. The FE Division tells me that they have checked with the State Department which has not yet received the letter for President-elect Kennedy but they are on the lookout for it, know of our interest, and will see that we receive a copy in due course.

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NEW DELHI--U.S. AMBASSADOR ELSWORTH BUNKER SAID TODAY THE EXILED DALAI LAMA OF TIBET HAS SENT A LENGTHY LETTER TO PRESIDENT-ELECT KENNEDY APPRAISING HIM OF THE SITUATION IN HIS COMMUNIST-OCCUPIED HOMELAND.

BUNKER SAID HE SPOKE TO THE YOUNG GOD-KING LAST MONTH ON A VISIT IN DHARMSALA, IN NORTHERN INDIA.

HE SAID THE DALAI LAMA GAVE HIM A LETTER TO FORWARD TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TOO THANKING HIM FOR HIS HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

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